


<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b>  (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))		Attorney Docket No. <b>R2180.0201/P201</b>	
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		Title	<b>IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM, AND STORAGE MEDIUM</b>
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